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SUMMARY: THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS RECONIZED THE MPLA AS THE LEGITMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. THERE IS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT RECOGNITION ACTION COULD NOT BE COORDINATED WITH EEC COUNTRIES END SUMMARY.

1) IN A RADIO INTERVIEW AT NOON TODAY, DENMARK'S FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. HE STATED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN THIS ACTION INCE THE MPLA MEETS THE DANISH RECOGNITION CRITERION OF BEING ABLE TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE TERRITORY IT CLAIMS. ANDERSEN SAID IT HAD BEEN HOPED THIS MOVE COULD BE MADE IN UNITY WITH THE OTHER COMMN MARKET AND NORDIC COUNTRIES BUT THAT FRENCH RECOGNITION HAD MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. HE DID NOT OTHERWISE COMMENT ON THE FRENCH ACTIN, BUT SAID IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MINISTERS' MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG.

2) ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, PREMIER ANKER JORGENSEN, UPON HEARING OF THE FRENCH RECOGNITION ACTION YESTERDAY, SAID: "THAT SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT COOPERATION IN EUROPE." INCONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER THIS MORNING, BENT HAAKONSEN, CHIEF OF MFA'S 3RD OFFICE (WHICH INCLUDES AFRICA), DESCRIBED DANISH REACTION TO UNILATERAL FRENCH RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA YESTERDAY. HAAKONSEN SAID OTHER EC REPS WERE FLOORED YESTERDAY MORN- ING AT POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG WHEN FRENCH REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS IMPATIENT WITH INABILITY OF NINE TO AGREE ON TIMING OF ANOGLAN RECOG- NITION AND DISCLOSED THAT FRANCE WOULD MAKE A UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY AT NOON. HAAKONSEN SAID HE HAD "NO IDEA" WHAT COMPELLED THE FRENCH TO DO THIS. HE
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ADDED THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IRONIC THAT THE EC COUNTRY TO "BREAK RANKS" ON THIS QUESTON WAS NOT ONE WITH AND SYMPATHY FOR THE MPLA, BUT FRANCE WHICH HAD BACKED THE MPLA'S ADVERSARIES.

3) IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, HAAKONSEN SAID HE HAD LARNED BY TELEPHONE THIS MORNING FROM HIS COUNTER- PARTS IN THE NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRIES THAT BOTH THOSE GOVERNMENTS INTENDED TO ISSUE DECLARA- TIONS OF RECOGNITION TODAY. THIS INFORMATION, TOGETHER

WITH THE EARLIER STATEMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE
AND THE NETHERLANDS, CLINCHED THE CASE FOR DENMARK.

4) COMMENT: THE DANES HAD ACTIVELY SOUGHT A JOINT
RECOGNITION EFFORT BY THE EEC AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES
AND HAD HOPED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE
TWO GROUPS ON THIS ISSUE. THE DANISH PRESS CHARACTERIZES
THE GENERAL REACTION TO THE UNILTERAL FRENCH RECOGNITION
OF THE MPLA AS ONE OF STRONG RESENTMENT. AS PREDICTED BY
DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE, DANISH RECOGNITION WAS ALMOST
SIMULTAENOUS WITH THE SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN.
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